(d) and (e) At present, Government do not propose to import oilseeds; but only edible oils to the extent necessary to meet the gap between requirements and domestic production; necessary foreign exchange will be found for the purpose.

Implementation of NCR Plan

358. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Capital Region Plan has not been implemented so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when this plan is likely to be executed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Even though the Regional Plan, 2001 for the National Capital Region was published for statutory enforcement only in January, 1989, a number of development schemes were already taken up by the State Governments of Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and were being financed by the Govt. of India/NCR Planning Board since 1973. An amount of Rs. 1368.40 lakhs was released to these States by the Govt. of India upto March 1985 and an amount of Rs. 2093.20 lakhs was released by the NCR Planning Board between March 1985 and December 1988 for the execution of development schemes. The Regional Plan, 2001, into which these on going schemes will be dovetailed has a perspective upto the year 2001 A.D.

Shortage of milk in the capital

359. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Milk in the Capital due to non-supply of milk by milk suppliers as appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 5-2-1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the demands of the milk suppliers; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) As far as Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy are concerned, both dairies maintained their normal supply of milk on 5-2-1989 and no shortage was reported from their milk booths on that day. The normal level of supplies have been maintained thereafter. In view of this, no further action was required.

Ineffectiveness of the farm price support policy

360. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Economic Times dated 26-12-1988 highlighting the report of the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry regarding ineffectiveness of the farm price support policy and lopsided development in the use of inputs and in terms of structure of produce; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The PHD study highlights the structural rigidities in agriculture

which are well known. The development programmes for agriculture are intended to remove these weaknesses.

The subsidised supply of inputs continues to be helpful to farmers in adopting improved methods of cultivation.

The price policy followed by the Government provides appropriate support to the development programmes by ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce, thereby encouraging them to invest in agriculture and improve productivity. The PHD study confirms the relevance of this approach.

Enforcement of New Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1985

361. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments and the Union Territories have yet to implement the new Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Ten States and three Union Territories have implemented the Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985. The remaining States and Union Territories have also initiated action to implement the Act in their respective areas.

Profit earned by Steel Authority of India Limited

362. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited earned a record profit in the year 1988-89;

(b) the steel plants in which modernisation process has taken place; and

(c) what is the total investment made in the said plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The profit and loss account of Steel Authority of India Limited for the year 1988-89 would be known only after the end of the financial year.

(b) and (c) Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant, Bokaro Steel Plant and Indian Iron & Steel Co. are envisaged. Preliminary works have begun at Durgapur, Rourkela and Burnpur (IISCO). However, the total investment on the proposed modernisation plans will be known only after detailed investment proposals and cost estimates are approved.

Slow Pace of Consumer Movement in Delhi

363. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer movement is in a low key in the union territory of Delhi;

(b) how many cases have been filed under the Consumers Protection Act by the consumers in the specialised courts appointed for that purpose; and

(c) how many of them have been decided, so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir. Consumer movement in Delhi has gained momentum.

(b) and (c) As per information given by Delhi Administration, 360 complaints have been filed by the